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Secretary Vinson announced today that Czechoslovakia and Luxembourg have been added to the list of countries whose blocked accounts may be released under the certification procedure of General License No. 95. The National Bank of Czechoslovakia and the Institut Belgo-Luxembourgeois du Change have been designated by the Czechoslovak and Luxembourg Governments, respectively, as the certifying agents under the license.

In exchanges of letters similar to those written in connection with the defrosting of the countries previously named in General License No. 95, Dr. Srobar, the Czechoslovak Minister of Finance, and Mr. Dupong, the Luxembourg Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, have advised Secretary Vinson that restrictions on transfers of funds to the United States will be liberalized and that property in their countries belonging to United States nationals will be treated as favorably as that of nationals of any other country. Copies of the letters are available at the Federal Reserve Banks of New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

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